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### The Senatorship.

The degradation and hebetude of the publican party in this State are not anywhere else so apparent as in the serious pretensions to the Senate of such a man as WOODRUFF. We suppose plorable and repellant.

We have heard of a certain incliable preferment on the part of the Hon. reason of his habitual coldness toward it may be that the case of Mr. BLACK even if it may not be referable to that highest tribunal, the People of the State itself.

## To Some Candid Friends.

the subjoined communication are doubtas shared by many faithful readers of THE SUN:

"Would it not serve the purpose better, namely, chever way you wish to express it), to stop nation of that which is damnable. ils continual 'knocking' of Mr. ROOSEVELT-at ast until after election-and instead give your ny readers and friends some good substantial ons, of which you must have many, why Mr. AFE should and ought to be elected?

fany of us agree with all you say regarding DERVELT, and possibly some may think of m more bitterty than you do but he is not run. or for President and will be President for only ort time longer, so why not drop for a week many and bitter diatribes concerning him, ch are only serving for ammunition against Mr. Tapr, the Republican party and his campaign. ally great, to help elect Mr. TAFF, if that be of the State ticket to a noteworthy victory.

"If certainly would meet with the approbation of many of your readers, stanch Republicans, as you do but think it most important who is not the candidate but who is to a and whose election he earnestly desires, a

We have printed exactly as written the whole of the frank remarks of our riend-he does not wish his name to ear. His opinion of Mr. Roosem's relation to public affairs in generai and to Mr. TAFT's candidacy in SUN'S. Where he differs is in the alief that expediency demands the TAFT must pull him through. orary suppression of his and our onest convictions on this subject in of the possibly unfortunate lect of their dissemination upon Mr. apr's political fortunes and the immelate interests of the Republican party ization.

Before replying directly to this correent to the simultaneous remarks another friend. From nearly the same t of view regarding Mr. ROOSEVELT the effect on the national welfare his baleful activities he arrives at cions as to Mr. TAFT which are n marked contrast with those pronced by our other critic:

" It is a pity that Mr. TAFT, who is a good man and weighs 250 pounds, should have to keep movwith the sharp stick of ROOSEVELT furnishing steam power. TAFT has many engaging ties but it is sorrowful to see him overdoing als strength while striving to be the heir. There blish a bad precedent. The President of the Jalted States rounds up the officeholders, packs the convention, runs the steam roller over all sition, writes the platform, nominates the didate and turns the White House into a cammign headquarters. No rough rider tactics for

Hundreds of thousands of patriotic Republicans, clearly discerning the dencies of Rooseveltism and appalled by the sinister significance of the President's performances in this campaign, are halting even in these last days of the canvass between the two widely different conceptions of duty indicated respectively by these two letters from qually sincere men-TAFT in spite of the ROOSEVELT ostentatiously looming behind him, or BRYAN because of the ROOSEVELT who planned the succession of TAFT, who created TAFT as a candidate, who claims TAFT as his own and he was gradually omitting or qualifyse dominant relation to TAFT is frankly acknowledged by TAFT himwelf? We admit without hesitation the Democratic party: strength of the argument against either of these infelicitous alternatives. There ever was in American politics a situaspects, a choice of evils more per-lexing to those whose intelligent judg-after we have done this, the final step will be, ling EMMA GOLDMAN of her feminine priva choice of evils more per-

tending away beyond election day and beyond inauguration day.

THE SUN hopes for the election of Mr. potentialities of BRYAN and Bryanism in power far outweighs its confidence in the capacity of Mr. TAFT to live up to the expectations of his patron in the matter of the perpetuation of the Roose-MLY, Per Test ..... Our reasons for discounting largely the loyal protestations s ee of Mr. TAFT are in every way creditable DAILY AND SUNDAY, Per Month...... 70 to that gentleman. We regard him as incapable of continuing a course of sen-

tive office. We regard him as incapable cent. of the total product of the article believe him incapable of attempting to condon at Murray's Exchange, Trafalgar believe him incapable of attempting to "Poisoned weapon of Federal centrali-a, Northumberland avenue; Pall Mall discredit or weaken the Federal judi- zation" into the vitals of the Democratic ate, honest, efficient, highly intelligent, and Hotel; Klosque 77, Boulevard des Cap- law respecting individual, remarkably self upon his consistency, and then free from the vices of egotism, fit for patriotic and disinterested public service of the greatest value at any time, and, in spite of any notion he may now entertain to the contrary, congenitally disqualified for the part of Hun, Berserker, Scourge of God or Mosaylima of November 3 of the number of votes rea social and moral revolution. It seems plain to our modest intelli-

gence and sincere if mistaken sense of crats who still cherish principle above duty that the interests of conservative expediency. government are safer with such a man as TAFT in the White House, notwiththere is something logical in the propostanding the offensive pedigree of his sition that to Platt and Depew there candidacy, than with such a man as liberty" in this State will have some- by the Government report on petroleum should succeed a man of Woodruff's Bryan in the same exalted place, in- thing infinitely more personal than race just issued by the United States Geotype, but the fact is none the less de- spired by his predecessor's record with track gambling to engage their atten- logical Survey. show that as an agitator and reformer sets its prohibitionary machinery into his little finger is thicker than Mr. motion. nation, heretofore dishonestly if not ROOSEVELT'S waist. We have the idea foully frustrated, to the same honor- that with Mr. TAFT in the White House -particularly with Mr. ROOSEVELT in FRANK BLACK; but it is commonly held Africa—there is a better prospect of that he has made himself impossible by the urgently requisite period of progressive convalescence and recuperation. That is why we advise readers of Mr. ROOSEVELT. Perhaps after election THE SUN who may be hesitating between will appear worthy of reconsideration, that means TAFT and reject the ballot that means BRYAN.

Having stated these sufficient reasons for a preference reached and defined under conditions of some difficulty, THE SUN would be untrue to responsibilities that extend beyond any one gestive questions. Does he enjoy sit-The general sentiments expressed in Administration or any dynasty of Administrations if it followed the suggestion of its correspondent and for self into a human chimney poisoning momentary advantage blinked the un- the air about him with vile gases. No pleasant features of the alternative doubt there will be a tobacco plank in hat of electing Mr. Tarr (or defeating Mr. Baran, or abated the language of its condem- the suffragettes' constitution; unless,

# Humor From New Haven.

No young frisker of the press but our trusty and well beloved New Haven Palladium, which reminds us of one of those seventeenth century Connecticut towns, so ancient and so decorous, leaps to this height of humor:

"Candidate for Governor LILLEY is proving strong figure on the stump and his aggressiveness will be keenly felt at the polls, where he instead use your influence, which is admit- will be a great factor in helping the remainder

Remembering how the Lillevites tried latter's progress in Connecticut and hat this cannot be accomplished by your policy is against LILLEY, the Palladium's re-LILLEY have any fear? The machine extent responsible for Mr. TAFT's nomina- nominated him, as it promised to do two years ago. Some Connecticut Republicans may not pine to obey the bosses. but in a Presidential year "everything goes," and why not LILLEY?

Hurrah for LILLEY and boss governkicked and ordered about by the bosses. ular appears to coincide with Besides, LILLEY is a moral hero and the smartest little statesman in Waterbury.

### A Prophet Without Enthusiasm. Senator RAYNER of Maryland at a

Democratic rally in Rockville on Tuesday harked back to Mr. BRYAN's speech on the tariff during his second term in the House, a speech that was eloquent and the name of the member at whose adent's objections we turn for a and captivating beyond any doubt, whether it was economically sound or not. Mr. RAYNER remarked to Representative AMOS CUMMINGS at the conclusion of Mr. BRYAN's set piece: "That young man will be President some of these days." At Rockville the Senator declared in one of his sounding periods that his prediction was now about to come true-Mr. BRYAN was going to sweep the country next Tuesday.

Does the Hon. ISIDOR RAYNER believe that Mr. BRYAN'S triumph at the polls is impending? Does he really want to see Mr. BRYAN elected, or believe that a mighty good reason for voting for his success would bring a benefit either edy else. To vote for TAFT means to est to the country or to the Democratic party? A few months ago-to be precise, on May 13, 1907—an elaborate and beauty and eloquence has been admired luminous article signed with the name of ISIDOR RAYNER was published in which the writer, who was then opposed to the nomination of Mr. BRYAN, dealt vigorously and most earnestly with Mr. BRYAN's reform propaganda, addressing himself particularly to Mr. BRYAN's prediction of ultimate Government ownership of all interstate railroads, the initiative and referendum, the limitation by Congress of the total product from point to point with unhesitating daring of interstate corporations and the right of Congress to prohibit commercial intercourse between the States upon interdicted articles (as exemplified in

the provisions of the child labor bill). Mr. RAYNER was aghast at the pro posals of Mr. BRYAN, some of which ing, and the Senator saw in his mind's eye the imminent dissolution of the

" My own deliberate judgment is that if we embody these doctrines in a Democratic plat- CHOTT must look to his laurels and his form the next step that it will be necessary to adjectives. take with be to change the name of the party and more deplorable in many of its revive the name of 'Federalist' or take some

ment is affected by considerations ex. with our leaders in the van, in solemn procession to accompany the remains of Democracy to their last resting place, and when we are engaged in are commemorating her departed virtues do not because its belief in the disastrous death, so that posterity shall know that in the hour of her brightest hopes and most alluring prospects, determined to end her great historic career, she threw herself upon the poisoned

Senator RAYNER'S worst fears were not realized when the Democrats made their platform at Denver. It did not contain a Government ownership plank or a plank for Government control of sational demonstrations without practite interstate products of corporations tical result except the turning of all or the initiative and referendum; but eyes upon himself. We regard him as Mr. BRYAN on the stump declares for incapable of usurping power that does the blacklisting and destruction of cor-Association, William M. Laffan, 170 not belong constitutionally to the execulet; Secretary of the Association, tive office. We regard him as incorpolate cent. of the total product of the of arraying one part of the community manufactured by them. That Mr. against another in class hatred. We BRYAN if elected would plunge the poisoned weapon of Federal centraliciary, the mainstay of our institutions, party Senator RAYNER may well apprefor the sake of political or personal ad- hend, knowing his man. The omitted vantage. We consider him as a moder- would become in all probability the committed, as Mr. BRYAN plumes himwould follow the last rites and obsequies over the Democratic party.

party as he does, would be inconsola- a football shindy or a panic. ble if Mr. BRYAN were to fall short on quired to elect. And Mr. RAYNER would

## A Counterblast Against Tobacco.

the spirit of emulation and eager to tion when the new anti-tobacco league

Already in public squares and parks men seen smoking are approached, warned of their evil ways by the presentation of a pamphlet which is a veritable counterblast against the pernicious weed. After the usual physical arguments are set forth the leaflet makes an two sets of electors to choose the ballot appeal to woman to help uproot the land, Coles and Edgar counties were also

> As for man, smoking man, his chivalric impulses are harped upon by sugting next to a chimney emitting smoke? No, he does not; but he transforms himdisturbing thought, the ladies themselves may like to smoke. The following day: summing up in bloated type will trouble the soul of every masculine smoker in the land: "The tobacco habit can no more attach itself to a truly spiritual life than fungus can attach itself to a

healthy tree. The number of poets, divines, artists, philosophers who smoked and still smoke must dismay the good folk who are interested in this crusade.

# The Why of a Notorious Abuse.

An intelligent citizen of Boston sends to hitch their man to TAFT during the to this newspaper the subjoined note: " TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Your exhat Mr. Bayan should be defeated, but also feel remembering how much kicking there planation of how campaign documents bearing the union label can be carried through the mails hing editorials detrimental to Mr. Rooss- marks are beautiful. But why should free, as per illustration enclosed, would no doubt interest many readers of THE SUN, including "Boston, October 27. INQUIRER.

> The documents enclosed with our correspondent's letter are an envelope with the words "House of Representatives, U. S. Part of Cong. Recordment! The Nutmeg Republicans are Party. Speech of Hon. John Dalpatient folks. They are used to being ZELL," and a reprint on cheep paper of Mr. DALZELL'S burning words of Wednesday, February 26, 1908. This impassioned utterance is taken from the Congressional Record, and because of this fact it is treated as official mail

payers of the country. The privilege is not accorded to every request the matter is sent out must be printed on the envelope. The name on this envelope sent to us by our friend in Boston is J. S. SHERMAN. A mean and petty use of official privilege is this, but no politician seems to be above profiting by it.

The Kaiser modestly confides to the world that it was he who drafted the plan of campaign which made England the victor in the Boer war. We already had it on the highest authority that it was GEORGE IV. of England, then Prince of WALES, who led the Guards at Waterloo.

The panegyric of Colonel MANGUM P. CHOTT of Asheville, N. C., on the pink and purple of Colonel JIM HAM LEWIS'S much and justly, yet the Old North State has other sons and poets equal to CHOTT. The Hon. JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES, knows for his constant and melodious speech as the "Georgia guinea fowl" and "Pourdown JOHN," has turned himself on in Charlotte and the Observer is there and to observe:

"As rushes the mountain torrent from its sources in the sky to the valleys and glades below, so rushed the irresistible torrent of the distin shed Southerner's eloquence, now a steady rable, with a power of speech which expresse easily, completely, inspiringly and discriming tively every shade of every idea that flashes in logical sequence across his mind, Mr. Graves sustained his reputation fully."

The critic must have been disinter ested, for he doesn't conceal the fact that Pourdown John "paid a glowing tribute of admiration amid applause" to the Observer. Who was there for the Observer that night? It sounds like CALDWELL, but it may have been TOMPKINS, or was it CALDWELL and TOMPKINS? At any rate

Do the authorities here and elsewher

ilege of talking? If they would stop advertising her as a desperado in petticoats, which her whole career proves performing the last sad fites and obsequies and she isn't, she would be about as dangerous to the peace of the community as a worn TAFT and for the defeat of Mr. BRYAN let us forget to recount the tragto manner of her out phonograph cylinder or a cracked hurdygurdy.

> Among the felicitations on the completion of fifty strepitous years two weapon of Federal centralization and died of a have an interest beyond their immediate occasion. How old is Mr. ROOSEVELT? For age is comparative and the literal entries of birth registers and family Bibles are not conclusive.

A Brooklyn clergyman, whose heart beats warmly for politics, avers that measured by achievements this is your millennium. History will prove it"; and she knows what she will be called if she doesn't. It it be true that the poet meant to say, "we live in words, not years," Mr. ROOSEVELT must be at least a billion.

With Latin politeness a Central American Consul-General wishes: "May you triplicate your age." The social ganization of the universe might keep an ordinary man busy for a hundred years, but not this rapid fire sociologist. And what is the age to be triplicated, astas instead of aes triplex? Is Mr. ROOSEVELT fifty or five or a billion? At any rate, there can be no melancholy of "advancing years" with him. Time writes no wrinkles on his mind or character. Gamin of the world, he "hurls" dynamite or the lie with the same exultation with which he Really we do not believe that the Hon. drags fat and greasy citizens on twenty ISIDOB RAYNER; loving his historic mile walks, and he watches with equal joy

Illinois is the latest surprise as a source of petroleum. The estimate of the 1907 be in a numerous company of Demo- production which Dr. BAIN, director of the State Geological Survey, gave out in the holidays last winter seemed almost incredible, for Illinois had never attracted attention as an oil producer; but his figures are now fully confirmed both The vigilant guardians of "personal by the bulletins of the State Survey and

The number of barrels of crude petroleum produced in Illinois in 1905 was 181,084; in 1906, 4,397,050; and in 1907, 24,-281,973. Among the petroleum producing States and Territories Illinois advanced in a year from the ninth to the politely, firmly, even cordially, and third place, being surpassed only by the

Oklahoma-Kansas and California fields. Last year's product, valued at \$16,432. 947, came almost entirely from Crawford. Clark and Lawrence counties, lying along the Wabash River on the eastern border hideous habit of smoking. Pipe, cigar, producers. Two years ago the Illinois oil cigarette must go; above all must be field was grouped with the Lima-Indiana is structurally and radically in violation banished the soothing fine cut and the field, but the geological conditions and of the Constitution. years later attained the third place among producers has certainly advanced another claim to distinction.

> Mr. KERN in the West echoes Mr. BRy-AN's tragic fears in the East that the Republicans are preparing to buy the elec-

charge, that \$100,000, largely contributed by sts and combines, was brought into Indiana t Sunday and passed through the hands of the Hon. FRED SIMS, Secretary of State and chairman of the Board of Tax Commissioners."

,What "reliably informed" means when used by a depressed candidate in the closing days of the campaign we can only conjecture. But Secretary of State SIMS who, according to Mr. KERN himself, is "a most estimable gentleman," deposes that Mr. KERN's charge is "absolutely false," and FREDERICK W. UPHAM, assistant treasurer of the Republican campaign fund, also says that Mr. KEBN has been deceived, and adds that he does not even know Mr. Sims, to whom he, UPHAM, is supposed to have sent the price of cor-

The faith of Mr. KERN in the story cannot be very strong, for he declares that he is "not afraid of their money; the votes which are going to win this election for BRYAN are votes which all the money in the world cannot buy." That conviction must be highly satisfactory to Mr. KERN, who would bask in the sunshine of Mr. Free. The Record of the Republican BRYAN's success; but why asperse "a most estimable gentleman" to make a campaign sensation?

The Lighthouse Board has given notice that after December 1 the old Sandy Hook lightship will go out of commission and that her place will be taken for good and matter and transported free of charges known as Ambrose Channel 87. Thus all by a new yellow light vessel to be to its sender by the United States does Sandy Hook as the official western Government, at the expense of the tax- end of the great transatlantic routes pass into history. Hereafter the objective of westbound liners will be the new and citizen. Members of Congress have it, capacious Ambrose Channel, which the growing tonnage of monster modern steamers made a vital necessity to this

> Probably the Tennessee night riders now under arrest are convinced that the people do not rule.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: It is quite apparent that "Table Manners," like a good many correspondents who occasionally write articles to the press, is prone to exaggerate. In his letter of October 16 he makes the statement regarding 'Cultured Boston" that "nine out of ten ! The natural supposition to the casual reader is that any one writing an article t newspaper of the international reputation and irculation of THE SUN would at least make some ort of investigation before making the ng accusation of "cannibalism" and "sword swal-

"Table Manners" in his second letter retrenche a bit and says that he did not intend to criticise "first class hotels or cafes." I wonder where he ets to find "cultured" Bostonians H first class places. I will wager that in any restaurant, café or cating place in Boston that is near mough to first class to provide table cloths such abilitions as "Table Manners" complains of do ot take place.

The table etiquette of Bostonians is perfect.
AUGUSTIN SMITHS. BOSTON, Mass., October 28.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Will "Old American" look at the reports of the various recent "councils" upon the subject, though it is far from pleasant reading, as to the reason why 80 per cent. of childless marriages are childless They make no mention of a lack of "heroism and loyalty" among the women. Will he then asi accounted for by the refusal of the father in thes strenuous times to assume the heavy financial responsibility of children? Assuming, then, that the remaining 10 per cent, can be laid to a lack of feminine heroism (which is extremely doubtful), is it not a little more sensible to concern

ourselves more seriously with our own pretty verpowering fraction of blame? HOWARD FINCE, M. D. PRENCETON, N. J., October 28.

# On the Read.

Enicker-The Government will be Bocker-Yes, the pure food inspectors will b THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMIS-SION LAW.

A Serious Argument Against Governor Hughes and for Mr. Chanler.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: A one of that by no means small body of independent Democrats who two years ago felt constrained to vote for Governor Hughes I should like to state the reasons which impel me to vote at the coming election for Mr. Chanler for Governor concede the sincere devotion to the best interests of the people, as he conceived them, that has animated Governor Hughes throughout his administration, and I believe that if he is reelected it will be be cause the independent voters, closing their minds to other considerations, wish to stamp with the seal of their approval the admirable moral qualities which he has exhibited in office. It seems to me, however, that there is

vital issue involved that transcends any question of the mere relative personal merits of the candidates, both of whom are concededly men of approved character and ability.

The issue to which I refer is the question whether Governor Hughes's Public Service Commission and the law (of which Governor Hughes is the author) creating that commission should be indorsed at the polls or should receive the condemnation of voters. Upon this question the two parties in their platform and in the expressed views of their candidates are squarely opposed. It is surely the paramount if indeed not the only real issue of the campaign.

As the main ground for my conviction that this statute and the administration of it during the last year by Governor Hughes's appointees should receive the inqualified disapproval of the people by their votes I submit that the law is palpably in violation of the Constitution in a particular repugnant especially to Democratic principles, and I believe it will be adjudged null and void whenever the Court of Appeals shall be called upon to decide the question.

No one disputes the abstract principle that the operations of the steam and street surface railroad companies, the gas and electric lighting companies of our State and city can and should be gonducted under reasonable regulation by the State. and can and should be subjected to a proper supervision by the public authoriies. This is not only sound political doctrine which neither the Democratic party nor its candidate in any way disputes, but it is also a principle which admits of practical application in legislation that will in no way transcend the limits fixed by the Constitution. The trouble is that the public service law is an attempt to carry out that principle by a method that

It violates the home rule provision of are different, so that now the field is the State Constitution (Article X., secplaced by itself. A State that in 1905 was tion 2) in that it transfers the powers practically a non-producer of oil and two of the old Rapid Transit Commissioners, who were undoubtedly city officers at the time that the Constitution of 1894 was adopted, to a State board appointed by the Governor. That this invalidates that portion conferring rapid transit powers squarely follows from the decision of the Court of Appeals in Matter of Brenner (170 N. Y., 185), and that as a result the law is nullified as an entirety is a point settled by the decision of the same court in Rathbone vs. Wirth (150 N. Y., 459).

> It is furthermore unconstitutional as in violation of both the home rule provi-sion of the Constitution and of those sections of the Constitution providing that the legislative power of the State shall be vested in the Senate and Assembly (except in certain instances specified in other sections of the Constitution) in that it vests in the Public Service Commission, First District, a State appointed body whose jurisdiction coincides territorially absolutely with the territorial limits of the city of New York, quasilegislative powers that could only be constitutionally vested in a local legislative or administrative body, such as the Board of Estimate of this city, or in some newly constituted body to be directly elected by the people, as Mr. Chanler advocates. People vs. Acton (48 Barb., 528), affirmed properties of the city of the properties of the city of the people vs. Acton (48 Barb., 528), affirmed the louse; not as he works it under any recognized rules. Mr. Cannon is private system to was not the House; and as the member who was not the House; and as the House; and sion, First District, a State appointed by the Court of Appeals (see 37 N. Y. at page 677), is one of a number of decisions that sustain this point, and nothing to the contrary was decided by the decision of the Court of Appeals in the Saratoga gas case rendered last winter (see 191 N. Y., 123), as the views there expressed related to the Gas Commission of 1905, a State body exercising general powers has impressed me so profoundly in France. over the entire State. This gross viola- said the Candidate, as the admirable contion of the political as well as the constitutional doctrine of home rule by the Government. It has more than confirmed imposition of a State board selected at my unalterable conviction that the rail-Albany with extraordinary power in all roads of very country should belong to and transportation and public service matters country " affecting the people of this city alone is particularly repugnant to Democratic French Republic was a spectacle. "But, principles. Mayor McClellan expressed my dear sir," he gasped, "the railroads of this view very forcibly in his veto message New York city. It may be urged that if I am right and

> the law is unconstitutional the courts will ultimately so declare. True, but when? In the meantime the more orders and certificates the commission issues the more will hereafter have to be abrogated, to the incalculable public detriment and disturbance of private property rights. The constitutionality of the law ought to be at once judicially tested, and ought to be at once judicially tested, and strengthen the conviction that the rail-as soon as any court has convincingly roads of his country should be owned and declared its invalidity it should be

promptly repealed. The delay up till now in testing its validity is a fault which if chargeable to either party ought to be laid at the door of Governor Hughes, who was responsible for its enactment and therefore incurred to a certain extent a moral obligation to have the question of its legalty set soon at rest, rather than at the foor of his Democratic opponents. EDGAR J. KOHLER.

NEW YORK, October 28.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Only illtic of the valuable space of THE SUN is wished to state that Mr. W. A. Purrington is not qualified discuss the Bennett will case, so far as we can ee. Philo S. Bennett was an able man and a sin cere man. Such a labored effort at obscuring facts as that before us is mercifully beyond his knowing, else he would roll in his grave. Mr. Bryan made some remarkable friends here

NEW HAVEN, Conn., October 27.

#### The Suffragettes in Tears. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITT dents or their annexes

your suffragette correspondents or their annex seem to think I blame them for weeping on ecent memorable occasion. Dear ble don't blame them at all. I'd cry too if I had been making such a foolish and disagreeable OLD FOGY. exhibition of myself. PARSIPPANT, October 28.

The Incredulous Traveller. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Bryant

JUST BACK PROM CAPB HORN.

ART NOTE.

Nineteenth street, there is an exhibition of sketches by some of its members. It is an agreeable rather than a significant show. The average of workmanship is about the usual. Muller-Ury, Charles Vezin, Content Johnson, H. Bolton Jones E. M. Bicknell, Louis C. Tiffany, Emma L. Cooper, Althea Hill Platt, George Wharton Edwards and others—there are 117 pic tures—are represented. Content Johnson's rich color, Charles Vezin's adequate handling of atmospheric problems, a luminous and attractive German landscape near Bonn by Leon Dabo and a few portrait heads are interesting. The sculp ture by R. Hinton Perry-two portrait busts and the head of his daughter (about which we wrote last season)-J. Massey Rhind's excellent suggestion of sculpture for Shelby county court house, Memphis, Tenn.; works of C. H. Niehaus, of J. J. Boyle, H. A. MacNeil and Melva Beatrice Wilson are all to be seen. Chester Beach's "Young Nymph," a loan, is a charming, vital composition. Miss A. St. L. Eberle shows a portrait. Charles Keck's head of Elihu Vedder is also among the loan sculpture and has been shown elsewhere. Mr. Perry's "Prometheus," a striking effect, was in an academy exhibition a year or so ago. Altogether there is material for an afternoon's study at the Arts Club. The exhibition will last until November 7.

## "CANNONISM."

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Specimens of Uncle Joe's Alleged Private
System for Public Business.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir! An editorial in this morning's Sun under the caption "The Scapegoat" chastens those who peep against "Cannoniam," and says: "Mr. Cannon didn't invent the system, nor should he be blamed for the working of it." I beg a little space to point out that all who blame the system worked by Mr. Cannon do not refer to injustices done by him under the rules of the House, but under a private system which he seems to have invented—a system for which the rules are in no degree is wholly responsible.

An example of the working of Mr. Cannon's private system will best illustrate my point. The Speaker has an enterprising private secretary of the name of Busbey, whose enterprise led him to write an article for a New York magazine frankly to inform and astonish the world with wonder tales of his distinguished patron's power and might. The enterprising Busbey tells how the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

The enterprising Busbey tells how the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds. wishful that a certain bill might be considered on the floor of the House, obtained the signatures of three-fourths of all the members to a petition so praying. The Speaker refused the prayor. I quote the admiring Busbey as to what then further

As a final stroke the chairman said, "Then, Mr As a final stroke the chairman said, "Then, Mr. Speaker, this bill is to fail by the will of one man, who is in the chair by our votes. We have no redress from this one man power."

Yes, you have, "replied the Speaker, "you have a way to pass your bill. You placed me in the chair to shoulder the responsibility of the legislation here enacted. In my view I cannot assume responsibility for this bill. You can elect a new Speaker to day and pass your bill if you can find one who will accept that responsibility, but if you leave me in the chair your bill will not become a law."

but he is not great.

EDWARD W. TOWNSEND.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., October 27.

# William J. at the Elysee.

The Candidate was at the Elysée. He had secured an audience through the good natured offices of Ambassador Porter, and President Fallières gave him a hearty if somewhat perplexed welcome. "Nothing duct of your vast railroad system by your be administered by the Government of that

The countenance of the President of the this view very forcibly in his veto message France are not in any way under Govern-refusing to accept the bill on behalf of ment control!" "Is it possible? "said the Candidate. "Ah."

he continued reflectively, "I was confusing them with the Austro-Hungarian lines. It of my journey westward from Constantinople that I was thinking. "But," interjected the French President

with kindly solicitude, "you know, my dear sir, that the Austro-Hungarian railways are more under Government control than are those of France!" Thus did the Candidate acquire and

controlled by the Federal Government. The Little Father at Uncle's. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The Roosevelt Administration put the country "in hock" and is afraid to give up the

A SUN READER. UTICA, October 27. A Roosevelt Play.

First Act. Volley of musketry. Five minutes of the thunder machine.

Seven people fall down stairs. Heavy cannonading.

Scene in the boiler shop; everybody working. Fife and drum corps welcoming h Bass drum solo. Old clo' men in yelling contest. Assorted dins. More noise. In termiss

Signor Trippetti will give an imitation of a troiey car going past Mile. Yodelle will illustrate women's shricks Biff and Batt in a slapstick contest for points.
Sketch, "Unnecessary Noises." Bill Louder and company. Third Act.

Great balloon race, in which both explode. Deep rumblings. The walling of a child. Interior of flat with the radiators cracking. Mob of children on roller skates. Front room of flat on the elevated line. Wind machine (1,500 revolutions a min

Curtain

(It hits the floor with a bump.) Note-Women with babies are requested SUFFRAGETTES IN ACTION.

At the National Arts Club, 119 East Protest of a Womanly Woman Against Frederic Harrison's Conclusions.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str. In the review in THE SUN of October 25 of an essay by Frederic Harrison he is quoted as saying that the actions of the s testify to a certain inherent unfitness of women to exercise political power." says: "Men have now seen women in politica

action and they will not trust them."

I beg Mr. Harrison's pardon, but neither he nor any one else has seen women in political action in the suffraget campaign. The English suffragettes have not political power-they are trying to secure it. Their methods are not political, but sevolutionary, as the methods of those excluded from political power have necessarily been at all times. Political action is it comparison quiet, orderly thing, proceeding accord-

ing to a fixed routine. I voted for eight years in an equal suffrage State. I never in that time saw women marching in the streets, battering doors, interrupting meetings or breaking into the assembly halls of the State Capitol. have, however, seen women seated in those had as members of the leg-islative body, pursuing their quies without exciting notice or comment. I have seen women quietly voting by often accompanied by their husbands, fathers or brothers. I have seen a ring of baby carriages around the door of a polling place, each in charge of a friend while the mother stepped inside for five minutes to mark her ballot. I have seen wimen sit-ting in county, State and national conventions. I have sat in all three mysef, and I have seen the precinct primary of my party

that such methods must be used, but if they must they must.
For years woman suffrage has been an academic question. It is the suffragetted who have made it practical. I myself could not provoke arrest and go to jail. I am too much like Mr. Harrison's ideal womanly woman. But were I is England I would perform that humble office known as holding the other fellow's cost while he did the fighting; that is, I would give them all the money I could spare to defray the necessary expenses of annoying Parliament and the police.

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the police.

As for the author's contention that women must not be allowed full liberty beause the home would suffer if they had it, beause it would be more disastrous "than I return to slavery and polytheism," this is simply the position which has always been taken by one class of men—the josition that they will decide what is goodfor the home, the family and women themselves:

legislation here enacted. In my view I cannot assume responsibility for this bill. You can elect a new Speaker to-day and pass your bill it you can find one who will accept that responsibility, but if you leave me in the chair your bill will not become a law."

I am certain that The Sun will agree with me that there is no authority given to the Speaker by any system of working the House invented by the members which makes the Speaker "responsible" for legislation, or which grants him power to deny to three-fourths of the members (enough to pass a bill over a Presidential veto) the right to have a bill reported out of committee.

Another phase of "Cannonism" not due to the House rules: A member from Somewhere rises in his place and pleads for recognizion. The Speaker recognized. The Speaker raps him to his seat and asys: "The Speaker raps him to his seat and asys: "The Speaker raps him to his estimated the seat of the gentleman "recognized" and note, with the Speaker, that the seat is vacant. Then the Speaker that the seat is vacant. Then the Speaker that the sergeant-at-arms scurry over an important part of the wide, wide world in search of the member who has been "recognized. This is not an uncommon incident in Mr. Cannon's private system of working the House: and as the member who was not recognized, with nothing more important on his unimportant mind than a wish to ask on.

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## Shocked by Mr. Bryan's Indifference to Woman Suffrage.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SE: Yes. terday I heard Mr. Bryan speak at the great meeting of women invited to the Valdorf to listen to his eloquence. I went there with high hopes. I thought that this man who had studied so widely and trivelled so far, who had devoted his life to be improvement of conditions, would be broad minded in regard to liberty for all. The audience was largely composed of

women, who welcomed him in the belie that he would bring to them glad tidings But women, who welcomed him in the belig that he would bring to them ghad tidings. But no. the candidate had no word of hose for us. In fact he hardly seemed to know that the great army of women was present, for he spoke of "the people" always with the masculine pronoun. It was man who was to be helped, never opce woman. Evidently the orator regarded the fifty men who were present as of far more impotance than the three hundred women.

One might think, perhaps, that by this time we would be accustomed to being ignored, but we really were hopeful that this champion of freedom would advocate some liberty for our sex. Under this impression some of us had been making such poor, feeble efforts as a mere woman might offer to aid his success, but evidently he had no consciousness of women except as silent helpers to men. Not one syllable did he utter that acknowledged that we might understand and wish to improve the present injustice of our law.

A few weeks are I heard the Espublican candidate, a pleasant and genial gintleman, answer a point blank question by saying that if women would ask for the belief they would surely get it. Mr. Brian evidently thought that the fireside was the only place for a woman. Now, I have no objection to the fireside; women and men alike love its genial warmth and it pleasant companionship, but neither women normen wish to sit in the chimney coner all the time.

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The use of steam as a motor has evolutionized the position of woman. The sewing machine has taken away her occupation and the steam engine has operad to her the world as a playground. Graelda is no longer her model. She has a mind of her own and will give what aid i disfranchised being may possess to the election of the man who will help her to secure political freedom.

LILLIE DEVEREUX BLEE.

NEW YORK, October 27. Church Built of One Piece.

From the Chicago Tribune.

The only temple in the world whose walls. oor and roof are of one single plece was opened yesterday at Lake street and Porest avenue, Oak Park. It is built of reenforced concrete, on

The temple belongs to Unity Congregation. Its completion was celebrated with speeches and an address by the partor. Mexico's Cartridge Factory.

From the Mexican Hered.

Mexico has now in operation a metallic cartridge factory with a daily capatity of 50,000

tains machinery of the best model a the world. which was imported from Germany and was in-stalled by Germans, Up-State Bee Hunter

Bolivar correspondence Buffalo Necs. So far this year Archie Phillips he found and cut fifteen bec trees, the last one yilding sixty pounds of fine honey. M. E. Tucker's also mai-ing good as a bee hunter. He has put six bee trees, from which he has taken 150 pounds of

Campaign Argument in West Virginia. From the Logan Democrat.

Some of the best looking girls on Ishad Creek are Democrats and say they will never marry

The Despotle Judiciary.

Jack-I understand you are on

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